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## Baghdad University gets into world rankings

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

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The University of Baghdad (also called Baghdad University) is the largest university in Iraq and the second largest in the Arab world, behind the University of Cairo. Its roots go as far back as the year 1067, when it was known as Abu Haneefa. The first of the university's modern departments was founded in 1908. It was formally established as the University of Baghdad in 1956. It managed to stay open throughout the invasions and occupations of Iraq during this century. The ranking on the Times list is seen as a prestigious accolade by many of its academics and students. One student said: "I am so proud of Baghdad University. It means the world to us to be held in such high esteem."

Sources: <http://www.asianews.it/news-en/In-first-ever,-Iraqi-University-listed-among-best-in-the-world-45052.html>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-45627486>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University\\_of\\_Baghdad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Baghdad)

# WARM-UPS

**1. UNIVERSITY:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about university. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

the first time / universities / Baghdad / research / development / range / cooperation  
roots / modern / established / invasion / occupation / accolade / academics / esteem

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. ESSENTIAL:** Students A **strongly** believe it is essential to go to university; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. EDUCATION:** What was your experience of these places? How can they be improved? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Your experience	Improvements
Kindergarten		
Elementary school		
Junior high school		
High school		
University		
E-learning		

**5. RESEARCH:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "research". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. DEPARTMENTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best departments to study in at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Engineering
- Pharmacy
- IT
- Business studies
- Political science
- Mathematics
- History
- Modern languages

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 1. listed        | a. Shown dignity or authority in one's appearance or manner.              |
| 2. annual        | b. An angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues.               |
| 3. ranked        | c. Put or printed a number of connected items in order.                   |
| 4. distinguished | d. Gave someone or something a position or place within a grading system. |
| 5. cooperation   | e. Happening once every year.   |
| 6. integral      | f. The process of working together to reach the same end.                 |
| 7. strife        | g. Necessary to make a whole complete; essential or fundamental.          |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. roots       | h. Set up or originated an institution or organization.                               |
| 9. founded     | i. Officially.  |
| 10. formally   | j. An award or privilege granted as a special honor or as an acknowledgment of merit. |
| 11. invasion   | k. The basic cause, source, or origin of something.                                   |
| 12. occupation | l. Respect and admiration, typically for a person.                                    |
| 13. accolade   | m. The state of being controlled by an army that has taken control of one's country.  |
| 14. esteem     | n. An instance of going into a country or region to take it over with an armed force. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Baghdad University is the second Iraqi university to get on the list. **T / F**
- b. Baghdad University got in the top 500 universities in the world. **T / F**
- c. The Times said praised the university for its international cooperation. **T / F**
- d. The Times said the university should have done more to rebuild Iraq. **T / F**
- e. Baghdad University is the largest university in Iraq. **T / F**
- f. The origins of Baghdad University start in 1067. **T / F**
- g. The University of Baghdad was established in 1956. **T / F**
- h. A student said the University of Baghdad was held in low esteem. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <b>ever</b>          | a. singled out      |
| 2. <b>annual</b>        | b. origins          |
| 3. <b>range</b>         | c. honor            |
| 4. <b>distinguished</b> | d. yearly           |
| 5. <b>integral</b>      | e. for the whole of |
| 6. <b>roots</b>         | f. respect          |
| 7. <b>founded</b>       | g. area             |
| 8. <b>throughout</b>    | h. set up           |
| 9. <b>accolade</b>      | i. in history       |
| 10. <b>esteem</b>       | j. basic            |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. For the first time                      | a. as the year 1067 |
| 2. listed among the best universities in   | b. to a thousand    |
| 3. This is an annual                       | c. to us            |
| 4. in the range from 801                   | d. strife           |
| 5. after its recent conflicts and internal | e. the world        |
| 6. the second largest in the               | f. and occupations  |
| 7. Its roots go as far back                | g. ever             |
| 8. throughout the invasions                | h. accolade         |
| 9. a prestigious                           | i. Arab world       |
| 10. It means the world                     | j. list             |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

For the first time (1) \_\_\_\_\_, an Iraqi University has been listed (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the best universities in the world. The University of Baghdad has made it onto the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. This is an (3) \_\_\_\_\_ list of the world's top 1,250 universities for research and development. The University of Baghdad has been (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the range from 801 to a thousand on the list of best universities. Phil Baty, the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ director of the Times, stated that the university had "(6) \_\_\_\_\_" itself for having a "very strong international cooperation". He said the University of Baghdad had played an (7) \_\_\_\_\_ role in the reconstruction of Iraq after its recent (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and internal strife.

*distinguished*  
*ranked*  
*among*  
*conflicts*  
*editorial*  
*ever*  
*integral*  
*annual*

The University of Baghdad (also called Baghdad University) is the largest university in Iraq and the second largest in the Arab (9) \_\_\_\_\_, behind the University of Cairo. Its roots go as (10) \_\_\_\_\_ back as the year 1067, when it was known as Abu Haneefa. The first of the university's modern departments was (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1908. It was formally established as the University of Baghdad in 1956. It managed to stay open (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the invasions and occupations of Iraq during this century. The (13) \_\_\_\_\_ on the Times list is seen as a prestigious accolade by many of its (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and students. One student said: "I am so (15) \_\_\_\_\_ of Baghdad University. It means the world to us to be held in such high (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*world*  
*throughout*  
*academics*  
*proud*  
*esteem*  
*founded*  
*far*  
*ranking*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

- 1) For the first time ever, an Iraqi University has been \_\_\_\_\_ the best
  - a. list it among
  - b. listing among
  - c. listed among
  - d. wrist it among
- 2) made it onto the Times Higher Education World \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. University Rankings
  - b. University Rank Inns
  - c. University Wrangling
  - d. University Wrangle Inns
- 3) The University of Baghdad has been ranked in the \_\_\_\_\_ 801 to a thousand
  - a. strange from
  - b. grange from
  - c. arrange from
  - d. range from
- 4) the editorial director of the Times stated that the university \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. had distinguished itself
  - b. had distinguished its elf
  - c. had distinguished it self
  - d. had distinguished it's self
- 5) the reconstruction of Iraq after its recent conflicts \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and internal strive
  - b. and internal stripe
  - c. and internal strike
  - d. and internal strife
- 6) Its roots go as far \_\_\_\_\_ year 1067
  - a. back was the
  - b. back has the
  - c. back as the
  - d. back is the
- 7) The first of the university's modern departments \_\_\_\_\_ 1908
  - a. was floundered in
  - b. was founded in
  - c. was found it in
  - d. was found did in
- 8) It managed to stay open throughout the invasions and \_\_\_\_\_ Iraq
  - a. occupy chance of
  - b. occupations of
  - c. occupy chances of
  - d. occupation soft
- 9) The ranking on the Times list is seen as a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. prestigious acolyte
  - b. prestigious percolate
  - c. prestigious accolade
  - d. prestigious accelerate
- 10) It means the world to us to be held in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. such highly esteem
  - b. such high esteem
  - c. such height esteem
  - d. such holy esteem

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

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The University of Baghdad (also called Baghdad University) is the largest university in Iraq and the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Arab world, behind the University of Cairo. Its (8) \_\_\_\_\_ far back as the year 1067, when it was known as Abu Haneefa. The first of the university's modern departments was founded in 1908. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ established as the University of Baghdad in 1956. It managed to stay open throughout the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of Iraq during this century. The ranking on the Times (11) \_\_\_\_\_ as a prestigious accolade by many of its academics and students. One student said: "I am so proud of Baghdad University. It means the world to us to be held in (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

1. How many times have Iraqi universities now been in these rankings?
2. How many universities are on the Times list?
3. In what range is the University of Baghdad?
4. What is the position of Phil Baty in the Times?
5. What did Mr Baty say the university had played a big role in?
6. What is the largest university in the Arab world?
7. What year does the origins of the university go back to?
8. When was the university formally established?
9. What prestigious thing do people view the ranking as being?
10. What did a student say people hold the university in?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

1) How many times have Iraqi universities now been in these rankings?

- a) 4
- b) 3
- c) 2
- d) 1

2) How many universities are on the Times list?

- a) 801
- b) 1,250
- c) 1,000
- d) 1,067

3) In what range is the University of Baghdad?

- a) 401-500
- b) 701-900
- c) 801-1,000
- d) 601-700

4) What is the position of Phil Baty in the Times?

- a) editorial director
- b) CEO
- c) education correspondent
- d) lawyer

5) What did Mr Baty say the university had played a big role in?

- a) global politics
- b) the local community
- c) Iraq's reconstruction
- d) education

6) What is the largest university in the Arab world?

- a) Amman University
- b) Cairo University
- c) Dubai University
- d) Kuwait University

7) What year does the origins of the university go back to?

- a) 1670
- b) 1760
- c) 1076
- d) 1067

8) When was the university formally established?

- a) 1956
- b) 1965
- c) 1695
- d) 1596

9) What prestigious thing do people view the ranking as being?

- a) an event
- b) a trophy
- c) an accolade
- d) a victory

10) What did a student say people hold the university in?

- a) a newspaper
- b) high esteem
- c) their phones
- d) their hearts

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

## **Role A – Engineering**

You think engineering is the best subject to study at university. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): IT, business studies or English.

## **Role B – Information Technology**

You think IT is the best subject to study at university. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): engineering, business studies or English.

## **Role C – Business Studies**

You think business studies is the best subject to study at university. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): IT, engineering or English.

## **Role D – English**

You think English is the best subject to study at university. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their subjects. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): IT, business studies or engineering.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'university' and 'education'.

<b>university</b>	<b>education</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ever</li><li>• annual</li><li>• made</li><li>• range</li><li>• stated</li><li>• role</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• largest</li><li>• roots</li><li>• modern</li><li>• 1956</li><li>• many</li><li>• high</li></ul>
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# UNIVERSITY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

Write five GOOD questions about university in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# UNIVERSITY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'university'?
3. What do you think of universities?
4. What do you think of Baghdad University getting into the rankings?
5. How can universities be improved?
6. How important is this for Baghdad University?
7. What do you think are the best universities in the world?
8. What do you think of having a list of best universities?
9. Why are the best universities in the UK and USA?
10. What part might the university have played in Iraq's reconstruction?

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# UNIVERSITY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'study'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are universities like in your country?
15. How important is it to go to university?
16. Are universities only for the elite?
17. What is your image of Baghdad University?
18. What would you like to study at university?
19. Why might students be proud of the university?
20. What questions would you like to ask the head of Baghdad University?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |              |                |                |                |
|-----|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) ever     | (b) every      | (c) even       | (d) eventually |
| 2.  | (a) between  | (b) on         | (c) among      | (d) that       |
| 3.  | (a) annul    | (b) anal       | (c) annals     | (d) annual     |
| 4.  | (a) arrange  | (b) range      | (c) grange     | (d) derange    |
| 5.  | (a) secreted | (b) segregate  | (c) integer    | (d) integral   |
| 6.  | (a) waif     | (b) scruff     | (c) strife     | (d) staff      |
| 7.  | (a) globe    | (b) world      | (c) hemisphere | (d) planet     |
| 8.  | (a) far      | (b) behind     | (c) past       | (d) before     |
| 9.  | (a) founded  | (b) floundered | (c) fondled    | (d) fanned     |
| 10. | (a) charged  | (b) carried    | (c) managed    | (d) effected   |
| 11. | (a) volume   | (b) media      | (c) charity    | (d) accolade   |
| 12. | (a) height   | (b) high       | (c) highly     | (d) highs      |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. listed amgno the best universities
2. an anulna list
3. the university had iithgndsiused itself
4. played an itrlegan role
5. after its recent sltinoccf
6. internal stfrie

## Paragraph 2

7. the university's eromnd departments
8. It was flaormly established
9. throughout the inovansis and occupations
10. a prestigious lcdecaoa
11. many of its cdamcaies and students
12. held in such high mseeet

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( **1** ) For the first time ever, an Iraqi University has been listed among the best universities in the
- ( ) strong international cooperation". He said the University of Baghdad had played an integral
- ( ) director of the Times, stated that the university had "distinguished" itself for having a "very
- ( ) open throughout the invasions and occupations of Iraq during this century. The ranking on the Times list is seen
- ( ) founded in 1908. It was formally established as the University of Baghdad in 1956. It managed to stay
- ( ) ranked in the range from 801 to a thousand on the list of best universities. Phil Baty, the editorial
- ( ) largest in the Arab world, behind the University of Cairo. Its roots go as far back as the
- ( ) proud of Baghdad University. It means the world to us to be held in such high esteem."
- ( ) role in the reconstruction of Iraq after its recent conflicts and internal strife.
- ( ) The University of Baghdad (also called Baghdad University) is the largest university in Iraq and the second
- ( ) world. The University of Baghdad has made it onto the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. This is an
- ( ) annual list of the world's top 1,250 universities for research and development. The University of Baghdad has been
- ( ) year 1067, when it was known as Abu Haneefa. The first of the university's modern departments was
- ( ) as a prestigious accolade by many of its academics and students. One student said: "I am so

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

1. in world . best the Listed universities among the
2. world's universities . list top the An of annual
3. in the 1,000 . range 801 Ranked to from
4. had itself . the that He university stated distinguished
5. reconstruction Iraq . role of the An in integral
6. second the the world . largest It's Arab in
7. as Go back as far the year 1067 .
8. throughout invasions . stay to It open managed the
9. accolade many . a by Seen prestigious as
10. held be To in high esteem . such

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1810/181002-baghdad-university.html>

For the first time *never / ever*, an Iraqi University has been listed among the best universities *in / on* the world. The University of Baghdad has made it onto the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. This is an *annual / annually* list of the world's top 1,250 universities *for / from* research and development. The University of Baghdad has been *raked / ranked* in the range from 801 to a thousand on the list of best universities. Phil Baty, the *editorial / edit* director of the Times, stated that the university had "distinguished" itself for *had / having* a "very strong international cooperation". He said the University of Baghdad had played an *integer / integral* role in the reconstruction of Iraq *post / after* its recent conflicts and *internal / internally* strife.

The University of Baghdad (also *called / calls* Baghdad University) is the largest university in Iraq and the second largest in the Arab world, *behind / before* the University of Cairo. Its *roots / routes* go as far back as the year 1067, when it was *knowing / known* as Abu Haneefa. The first of the university's modern departments was *floundered / founded* in 1908. It was formally established *as / was* the University of Baghdad in 1956. It managed to *stay / stray* open throughout the invasions and occupations of Iraq during this century. The ranking on the Times list is *seeing / seen* as a prestigious accolade by many of its *academia / academics* and students. One student said: "I am so proud of Baghdad University. It means the *world / word* to us to be held in such high esteem."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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F\_r t h\_ f\_r s t t\_m\_ \_v\_r , \_n I\_r\_q\_ U\_n\_v\_r s\_t y  
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r\_c\_n t c\_n f\_l\_c\_t\_s \_n d \_n t\_r\_n\_l s\_t\_r\_f\_ .

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t h\_ w\_r l d t\_ \_s t\_ b\_ h\_l\_d \_n s\_c\_h h\_g h \_s\_t\_\_  
m . "

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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for the first time ever an iraqi university has been listed among the best universities in the world the university of baghdad has made it onto the times higher education world university rankings this is an annual list of the worlds top 1250 universities for research and development the university of baghdad has been ranked in the range from 801 to a thousand on the list of best universities phil baty the editorial director of the times stated that the university had distinguished itself for having a very strong international cooperation he said the university of baghdad had played an integral role in the reconstruction of iraq after its recent conflicts and internal strife

the university of baghdad also called baghdad university is the largest university in iraq and the second largest in the arab world behind the university of cairo its roots go as far back as the year 1067 when it was known as abu haneefa the first of the universitys modern departments was founded in 1908 it was formally established as the university of baghdad in 1956 it managed to stay open throughout the invasions and occupations of iraq during this century the ranking on the times list is seen as a prestigious accolade by many of its academics and students one student said i am so proud of baghdad university it means the world to us to be held in such high esteem"

## PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. UNIVERSITY:** Make a poster about university. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. ESSENTIAL:** Write a magazine article about university being essential for everyone. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on university. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on universities. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. e    3. d    4. a    5. f    6. g    7. b  
8. k    9. h    10. i    11. n    12. m    13. j    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d F    e T    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. ever          | a. in history       |
| 2. annual        | b. yearly           |
| 3. range         | c. area             |
| 4. distinguished | d. singled out      |
| 5. integral      | e. basic            |
| 6. roots         | f. origins          |
| 7. founded       | g. set up           |
| 8. throughout    | h. for the whole of |
| 9. accolade      | i. honor            |
| 10. esteem       | j. respect          |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- One
- 1,250
- 801-1,000
- Editorial director
- Iraq's reconstruction
- University of Cairo
- 1067
- 1956
- An accolade
- High esteem

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Listed among the best universities in the world.
- An annual list of the world's top universities.
- Ranked in the range from 801 to 1,000.
- He stated that the university had distinguished itself.
- An integral role in the reconstruction of Iraq.
- It's the second largest in the Arab world.
- Go as far back as the year 1067.
- It managed to stay open throughout the invasions.
- Seen as a prestigious accolade by many.
- To be held in such high esteem.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d    2. b    3. c    4. a    5. c    6. b    7. d    8. a    9. c    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)